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NEWS CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY'S RETIREMENT BOARD AND CALL FOR RESIGNATIONS TO SPSP PENSION PLANS

NEWS CONFERENCE: City Attorney Michael Aguirre is recommending to the City Council that the following individuals be considered for appointment to the board of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System: Steve Francis, CEO of AMA Healthcare; Richard Rider, Chair of San Diego Tax Fighters; Pat Shea, private attorney; and Diann Shipione, former SDCERS Board member.

The City Attorney is also calling for the resignations of three of the five members of the Defined Contribution Plans Trustee Board. This board oversees the City's Supplement Pension Savings Plan and the 401 (k) Plan:
Ron Saathoff, President of Fire Fighters Local 145, who has been charged with felonies by the District Attorney;
Bill Lopez, Deputy Director of Risk Management, who has been sued by the City Attorney for breach of fiduciary duty; and
Lawrence Grissom, Administrator of SDCERS; who has been sued by the City Attorney for violations of the Political Reform Act.

DATE & TIME: **Today at noon**

LOCATION: **City Attorney's Office, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620**

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